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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WITHOUT REFERENCE TO A MAIN COMMITTEE

45/257 B. Special emergency assistance to Haiti 1/

Date: 17 May 1991
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 76
Draft: A/45/L.50/Rev.1 and Rev.1/Add.1

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 45/2 of 10 October 1990 and 45/257 of 21 December 1990,

Conscious of the worsening of the economic and social problems affecting Haiti,

Convinced of the need to launch, as soon as possible, an emergency programme that expresses the support of the international community for the democratization and reconstruction process under way in Haiti,

1. Takes note with interest of the report of the Secretary-General of 26 April 1991; 2/

2. Renews its appeal to Member States, international financial institutions, the specialized agencies and organizations and programmes of the United Nations system to provide immediately the special assistance which Haiti requires in order to support the efforts made by its people and Government in their struggle for democracy and economic survival;

3. Requests to this end the Secretary-General to provide immediately all possible assistance to the launching of a programme of action that will have an immediate impact on the needy population until medium- and long-term assistance programmes can be implemented and taking into account the fundamental choices of the Haitian Government;

4. Expresses the hope that this programme will be transmitted to the competent international institutions and will be ready for implementation before the meeting of the Consultative Group of the World Bank, in Paris in June 1991.

45/261. Date and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Date: 3 May 1991
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 74
Draft: A/45/L.46

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/205 of 21 December 1990, on the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development,

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1/ As a result, the text of resolution 45/257, on page 72 of Press Release GA/8165, should be considered as resolution 45/257 A, in light of action taken by the General Assembly on 17 May.

2/ A/45/1002.

Taking note of Trade and Development Board resolution 391 (XXXVII) of 22 March 1991, in which the Board took note of the communication circulated by the Uruguayan authorities and expressed its full understanding of the difficulties encountered by the Government of Uruguay to host the eighth session of the Conference and recommended that the session of the Conference should take place in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, from 8 to 25 February 1992,

Also taking note with appreciation of the arrangements for the preparatory process for the Conference endorsed by the Trade and Development Board at the second part of its thirty-seventh session,

1. Welcomes with deep appreciation the offer made by the Government of Colombia to host the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

2. Decides to convene the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Cartagena de Indias from 8 to 25 February 1992, preceded by a two-day Senior Officials Meeting in Cartagena de Indias from 6 to 7 February 1992.

45/262. Emergency assistance to Costa Rica and Panama

Date: 3 May 1991 Meeting: 74
Adopted without a vote Draft: A/45/L.45 and Add.1

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/169 of 11 December 1987 on an international decade for natural disaster reduction,

Deeply concerned about the large number of afflicted persons and also by the destruction caused by the recent earthquake on 22 April 1991, which struck Costa Rica and Panama,

Aware of the efforts of the Governments and peoples of the region to save lives and alleviate the suffering of the victims of the earthquake,

Aware also of the enormous effort that will be required to alleviate the grave situation caused by this natural disaster,

Welcoming the prompt response of the Governments, organs, organizations and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and also of the international and regional agencies, the non-governmental organizations and private individuals that are providing emergency relief,

Recognizing that the magnitude of the disaster and its medium-term and long-term effects will require, as a complement to the efforts being made by the peoples and the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama, a demonstration of international solidarity and humanitarian concern to trigger broad multilateral cooperation in order to meet the immediate emergency situation in the affected areas and initiate the process of reconstruction,

1. Expresses its solidarity and support to the Governments and peoples of Costa Rica and Panama;

2. Expresses its gratitude to all the States, international agencies and non-governmental organizations that are providing emergency relief to the affected countries;

3. Urges all the States, as a matter of urgency, to contribute generously to the relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts in the affected area;

4. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General for the steps taken to coordinate and mobilize the relief and rehabilitation efforts;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, in close collaboration with the Governments of Costa Rica and Panama, and the international financial institutions, and the bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to assist those countries in mobilizing the additional financial resources necessary for the implementation of the medium-term and long-term plans and programmes of rehabilitation and reconstruction.

45/263. Assistance to Bangladesh in the wake of the devastating cyclone

Date: 13 May 1991 Meeting: 75
Adopted without a vote Draft: A/45/L.48/Rev.1

The General Assembly,

Deeply concerned at the colossal loss of human life and the unprecedented destruction of property and infrastructure caused by the cyclone and tidal waves that struck Bangladesh on 29 April 1991,

Considering that Bangladesh is one of the least developed countries, and that its situation has been worsened by the frequent recurrence of natural disasters having devastating consequences,

Aware that the coastal areas of Bangladesh are particularly vulnerable to natural calamity resulting in widespread human and material loss,

Recognizing the relief and rehabilitation efforts of the Government of Bangladesh to alleviate the sufferings of disaster victims,

Recognizing also that natural disasters constitute a development problem of great magnitude, the solution of which calls for substantial resources, requiring national efforts to be supplemented by international financial and technical assistance,

Noting the appeal to the international community by the Prime Minister of Bangladesh to come forward in aid of those affected by the disastrous cyclone,

1. Expresses its solidarity with the Government and people of Bangladesh during the tragic aftermath of the disaster;

2. Appeals to all Member States, specialized agencies and other organs and bodies of the United Nations system, including international financial institutions, and to non-governmental organizations to respond urgently and generously to assist Bangladesh in its relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts and programmes following the calamity;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to extend all possible assistance to Bangladesh to mitigate the suffering of the victims and to prevent further consequences of the disaster, particularly through the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator, as well as other relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system.

45/264. Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

Date: 13 May 1991 Meeting: 74
Adopted without a vote Draft: A/45/L.49

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/177 of 19 December 1990, on restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic and social fields, and other relevant resolutions,

1. Adopts the text contained in the annex to the present resolution, including the basic principles and guidelines, goals and measures, as well as issues to be addressed in the future, for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to implement the recommendations addressed to him in the annex to the present resolution and to report thereon as proposed;

3. Invites the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to implement, as appropriate, those recommendations within their respective spheres of competence;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields".

ANNEX

Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

1. Bearing in mind the role of the United Nations in the economic, social and related sectors as set out in the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, including Article 55, the overall objective of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields is defined in resolution 45/177 adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 1990. In paragraph 3 of the resolution the Assembly "stresses the need for more effective and efficient functioning of the intergovernmental machinery of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields in order to be more responsive to the needs of enhancing international economic cooperation and promoting the development of the developing countries". The restructuring and revitalization process should also take account of General Assembly resolutions 32/197 of 20 December 1977, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, and other relevant resolutions.

2. The above objective needs to be addressed through a concerted, deliberate and continuing process of restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations, encompassing all organs and bodies concerned in the economic, social and related fields. Such an approach should ensure orderly restructuring and revitalization of the economic, social and related fields and enhance the flexibility and adaptability of the Organization in the performance of its functions, and its ability to address the most urgent tasks and new demands, also bearing in mind the need for an efficient and effective United Nations system to deal with a number of global challenges in the economic, social and related fields in a world of growing interdependence, as well as enhance the interest taken by the international community in the work of the Organization. Thus it would also enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Organization.

I. Basic principles and guidelines for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

3. The deliberations and decisions of the restructuring and revitalization process should be predicated on the following principles and guidelines in order to ensure a successful outcome:

(a) Restructuring is primarily an intergovernmental responsibility and needs to be pursued in this context. The Secretary-General, in fulfilment of his responsibility as the Chief Administrative Officer of the United Nations, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, is requested to assist and cooperate in this regard;

(b) The process of restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields should be in accordance with the mandate set forth in General Assembly resolution 45/177, the provisions agreed upon at the resumed forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, and other relevant resolutions;

(c) Political will is an essential prerequisite for enhancing international cooperation. The socio-economic goals of the United Nations will remain unachievable in the absence of the requisite political will of all States;

(d) The current restructuring and revitalization process should promote the achievement of the objectives and priorities of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields as set forth in the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

(e) The restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields should aim at achieving greater complementarity between the bodies and organs of the United Nations with the General Assembly, while ensuring the latter's position as a principal organ of the United Nations;

(f) Restructuring and revitalization in the economic, social and related fields should preserve the democratic principles which underpin the decision-making process of the United Nations;

(g) Transparency and openness need to be preserved and strengthened in the functioning of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields;

(h) Restructuring and revitalization should be examined and pursued while ensuring the most efficient and effective use of the financial and human resources of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields;

(i) The ongoing process of revitalization of the Economic and Social Council, on the basis of all its relevant resolutions, as appropriate, remains valid.

II. Goals of the resumed forty-fifth session of the General Assembly

4. The reconvened session is a step in the process of restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, on the basis of the basic principles and guidelines set out in paragraph 3. The session is aimed at reaching agreement, inter alia, on the role and functioning of the Economic and Social Council in order to:

(a) Enable the Economic and Social Council to discharge the responsibilities entrusted to it by the Charter of the United Nations by enhancing its role as a central forum for major economic, social and related issues and policies and its coordinating functions relating to the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields;

(b) Improve its effectiveness and efficiency in the consideration of and action on the reports of its subsidiary bodies and other relevant reports;

(c) Ensure greater complementarity with the work of the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 60 of the Charter;

(d) Avoid duplication with other organs of the United Nations;

(e) Follow an integrated approach to policy and programme aspects of the economic and social issues.

In addition, the session agreed on the agenda and the timetable for the continuation of the process of restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, as specified in section IV of the present annex.

III. Measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the Economic and Social Council

5. The following measures are adopted:

(a) The continued implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/77, of 29 July 1988, 1989/114 of 28 July 1989 and 1990/69 of 27 July 1990 and decision 1990/205 of 9 February 1990, as appropriate;

(b) An organizational session not to exceed four days' duration to be held in early February to determine the annual agenda of the Council and related organizational issues, taking into account the relevant provisions of the above resolutions, particularly on the themes to be discussed in the high-level segment. This session will also select themes for the coordination segment, taking into account, inter alia, the recommendations of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. Elections, appointments and nominations to take place during a resumed organizational session at the end of April for a duration of one to two days;

(c) One substantive session of four to five weeks to take place in alternate years in New York and Geneva between May and July;

(d) The session to be broadly organized, sequentially, along the following lines:

High-level segment

(i) A high-level segment of four days open to all Member States in accordance with Article 69 of the Charter, with ministerial participation, devoted to the consideration of one or more major economic and/or social policy themes to be determined at the organizational session, taking into account the Economic and Social Council multi-year work programme; adequate secretariat preparation, including, in particular, one comprehensive background document for each theme; debate to follow an integrated and interdisciplinary approach, heads of the relevant organizations, agencies and other organs to participate actively;

One-day-policy dialogue and discussion on important developments in the world economy and international economic cooperation. In this context, heads of multilateral financial and trade institutions of the United Nations system are invited to participate actively in this dialogue and discussion on matters of mutual interest with a view to building areas of understanding;

The main features of the deliberations of the high-level segment would be presented to the Economic and Social Council in the form of a summary by the President of the Council, which would be incorporated in its final report;

The deliberations of the high-level segment would provide political impetus for building areas of convergence and facilitate the consideration of the issues in question, including the emergence of new recommendations on the issues, in the relevant forums.

Coordination segment

(ii) Coordination of the activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system in the economic, social and related fields, in accordance with Articles 63 and 64 of the Charter. This segment will consist of the following:

a. A segment of four to five days devoted to the coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system relating to the achievement of the economic and social objectives of the United Nations. Discussion will be organized around one or more themes selected at the organizational session, and designed to focus attention on the activities of the United Nations system in the selected economic and social areas;

b. Discussion will take into account the report of the Secretary-General as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, together with appropriate recommendations by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. This report should contain a system-wide assessment of the status of coordination with regard to the themes and include recommendations, as appropriate;

c. The heads of concerned specialized agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including multilateral financial and trade institutions, are invited to participate actively, making contributions to the policy dialogue reflecting a global perspective on the agreed upon theme or themes, as well as their activities in the chosen themes;

d. Recommendations which result from these discussions shall be submitted to the General Assembly and forwarded, as appropriate, to the governing bodies of the agencies, organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system as well as to the Committee on Programme and Coordination and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. In this context, the Secretary-General should arrange to apprise the next session of the Economic and Social Council on steps taken by the United Nations system to give effect to these recommendations.

Operational activities segment

(iii) A segment of two to three days devoted to operational activities of the United Nations system focusing, in particular, on follow-up of policy recommendations and decisions of the General Assembly and coordination of operational activities on a system-wide basis, taking account of Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/77. The triennial review would continue to be undertaken by the General Assembly.

Committee segment

(iv) Consideration of specific economic, social and related issues, including their programme implications, in two separate committees meeting simultaneously to consider and take decisions on the reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and other relevant reports; 3/ these reports should be arranged in clusters, as appropriate, for consideration; discussions to be decision-oriented focusing on specific recommendations and issues and not to involve a general debate; review and monitoring of the implementation of the decisions of the General Assembly in the economic, social and related fields; reports of the committees to be submitted to the plenary for approval.

(v) Adoption of the report.

e. The above measures will come into effect in February 1992.

IV. Issues to be addressed in the future

6. The following non-exclusive list contains issues to be addressed in the future. The agenda and timetable for some further steps will be as follows:

(1) Complementarity between the work of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly

Review at the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly of ways of enhancing the complementarity between the work of the Economic and Social Council and that of the General Assembly in accordance with Article 60 of the Charter.

(2) Composition of the Economic and Social Council

The process of restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields, undertaken with a view to enhancing its impact and effectiveness, shall include a review of the composition of the Economic and Social Council with due regard to equitable geographical representation and other relevant factors, in order to ensure the most effective participation of Member States, to be undertaken at a resumed forty-seventh session of the General Assembly.

(3) Subsidiary machinery in the economic, social and related fields

A review at the forty-sixth session of the General Assembly of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly with the objective of possible restructuring and revitalization; and of their reporting responsibilities and procedures with a view to avoiding duplication, where possible. The review should be on the basis of, inter alia, the following criteria:

(a) Ensuring that programme delivery of a subsidiary body meets the needs of Member States and that it is consistent with the goals and priorities of the United Nations in the economic and social fields;

(b) Application of the same basic principles and guidelines for enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of the subsidiary machinery, as those set out in paragraph 3 above;

3/ The meetings of the Economic Committee will begin immediately after the operational activities segment. The work of the Social Committee will begin immediately after the completion of the coordination segment.

(c) Avoidance of subsuming highly technical functions of subsidiary bodies and expert groups into the Economic and Social Council;

(d) Ensuring that subsidiary machinery in the economic, social and related fields is able to offer sound recommendations and advice as input into and not a substitute for the consideration and decisions by the Economic and Social Council and the General Assembly;

(e) The Secretary-General is requested to provide to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session relevant information, including information on the status of subsidiary bodies and their reporting procedures, in order to facilitate the review of the subsidiary bodies of the Economic and Social Council and of the General Assembly.

(4) Secretariat

A review of the Secretariat structure will be necessary on the basis of the agreements to be reached in the restructuring and revitalization process. In this context the Secretary-General is requested to review the structure of the Secretariat in the economic, social and related fields, taking into account the outcome of the resumed forty-fifth session of the General Assembly, future work, and other relevant resolutions, as appropriate, and to report thereon with such recommendations as might be appropriate to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

Noting that management of the Secretariat is the responsibility of the Secretary-General, he is requested to expeditiously implement those measures within his purview, in accordance with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, to streamline Secretariat operations in the economic, social and related fields in order to reinforce the restructuring and revitalization process directed by the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions.

(5) Progress report

The Secretary-General is requested to submit an annual progress report to the General Assembly, starting from its forty-seventh session, on the implementation of the result of the restructuring and revitalization process in the economic, social and related fields, in which he is requested further to provide information on any recommendation agreed upon which has not been implemented as scheduled.

(6) Review

As part of the restructuring and revitalization process the implementation of the measures in paragraph 5 above, including all organizational aspects of both the organizational and substantive sessions of the Economic and Social Council, will be reviewed at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly in the light of the experience of the reforms agreed upon, with the view to enhancing the impact and effectiveness of the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED ON THE REPORTS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

45/258. **Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations**

Date: 3 May 1991
Adopted without a vote

Meeting: 74
Report: A/45/903
Amendment: A/45/L.47

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 44/192 of 21 December 1989 on the administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations,

Recalling also its resolution 44/49 of 8 December 1989 on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects,

Recalling further its resolution 45/75 of 11 December 1990, particularly paragraph 13 thereof, on the composition of peace-keeping operations,

Having considered with appreciation the reports of the Secretary-General on the review of the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 4/ the support account for peace-keeping operations, 5/ the feasibility and cost-effectiveness of a reserve stock of equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping activities, 6/ the use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations 7/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 8/

Bearing in mind the views expressed by Member States on those reports at its forty-fifth session,

Noting the significant increase in United Nations peace-keeping activities and the resulting increased demands on the human, material and financial resources of the Organization and Member States,

Reiterating its great concern at the extremely difficult financial situation of some of the existing peace-keeping operations and at the heavy burden on troop-contributing States,

Re-emphasizing the need to ensure a sound financial and administrative basis for peace-keeping operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide peace-keeping operations with the necessary financial resources, especially those essential for the start-up of such operations, to enable them to fulfil their mandates in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Continues to urge all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to peace-keeping operations in full and on time, in accordance with their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations:

4/ A/45/582.

5/ A/45/801.

6/ A/45/493/Add.1.

7/ A/45/502.

8/ A/45/801.

2. Affirms the importance of administering peace-keeping operations with the maximum of efficiency and economy;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to improve coordination within the peace-keeping-related units in the Secretariat in order to enhance the efficiency of peace-keeping operations and to ensure better communication with States in order to assist the latter in responding promptly to the financial and administrative requirements of the operations, particularly those of the start-up phase;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make every possible effort to broaden the participation of countries in United Nations peace-keeping operations;

5. Takes note of the observations made by the Secretary-General on the rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States, 9/ and the related comments of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 10/

6. Decides that, as an interim measure, the standard rates of reimbursement to the Governments of troop-contributing States shall be increased by 4 per cent beginning 1 July 1991;

7. Invites States contributing personnel (civilian and military), equipment and services that can afford to do so to consider the possibility of providing them, in whole or in part, on a voluntary basis;

8. Invites States to make voluntary contributions to the United Nations peace-keeping operations both in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/192 A;

9. Takes note of the observations and proposals of the Secretary-General on the technical guidelines relating to the use and operation of the support account for peace-keeping operations, 11/ and approves its establishment effective 1 January 1990, subject to the observations of the Advisory Committee; 12/

10. Also takes note of the proposals of the Secretary-General to establish a reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items for United Nations peace-keeping operations, 13/ and concurs with the views of the Advisory Committee in this regard; 14/

11. Endorses the proposals made by the Secretary-General on the use of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations, taking into account the comments of the Advisory Committee, subject to the policy and criteria of payment to such personnel and the reimbursement to the contributing States being kept under review as recommended by the Advisory Committee; 15/

12. Reiterates its concurrence with the recommendation of the Advisory Committee that standard administrative procedures to govern the provision of civilian personnel in peace-keeping operations should be established, consistent with existing rules and practices and taking into consideration the practical and legal concerns and the experience gained in the newly established peace-keeping operations;

9/ A/45/582, paras. 3 and 6.

10/ A/45/801, paras. 8 and 9.

11/ A/45/493, paras. 13, 16 and 17.

12/ A/45/801, paras. 14 and 15.

13/ A/45/493/Add.1, paras. 5 and 7.

14/ A/45/801, para. 30.

15/ Ibid., para. 35.

13. Requests the Secretary-General and the Advisory Committee to report to the General Assembly, as appropriate, on the presentation of data by troop-contributing States on the rates of reimbursement, the support account for peace-keeping operations, the reserve stock of commonly used equipment and supply items and the use of civilians in peace-keeping operations;

14. Requests the Secretary-General to review the present practices and approaches regarding the calculation of expenditures incurred by the United Nations in the conduct of peace-keeping operations, including the financial arrangements of the Organization with Governments in respect of such calculations, and to report thereon, with recommendations for possible improvements, to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations".

45/259. Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

Date: 3 May 1991 Meeting: 74
Adopted without a vote Report: A/45/898/Add.1

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations, 16/

Approves the amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations as set forth in the annex to the present resolution.

ANNEX

Amendments to the Staff Regulations of the United Nations

1. Regulation 3.2

(a) In the first paragraph, replace the third sentence by the following text:

The amount of the grant per scholastic year for each child shall be 75 per cent of the first $11,000 of admissible educational expenses, up to a maximum grant of $8,250.

(b) After the first paragraph, add the following text:

The Secretary-General shall also establish the terms and conditions under which, at designated duty stations, an additional amount of 100 per cent of boarding costs up to $3,000 per year may be paid in respect of children in school attendance at the primary and secondary levels.

(c) In the third paragraph, replace the second sentence by the following text:

The amount of this grant per year for each disabled child shall be equal to 100 per cent of the educational expenses actually incurred up to a maximum of $11,000.

16/ A/C.5/45/3 and Corr.1 and Add.1.

2. Regulation 3.4 (a)

Regulation 3.4 (a) should read:

Regulation 3.4: (a) Staff members whose salary rates are set forth in paragraphs 1 and 3 of annex I to the present Regulations shall be entitled to receive dependency allowances as follows:

(i) At $1,050 per year for each dependent child, except that the allowance shall not be paid in respect of the first dependent child if the staff member has no dependent spouse, in which case the staff member shall be entitled to the dependency rate of staff assessment under subparagraph (b) (i) of regulation 3.3;

(ii) At $2,100 for each disabled child. However, if the staff member has no dependent spouse and is entitled to the dependency rate of staff assessment under subparagraph (b) (i) of regulation 3.3 in respect of a disabled child, the allowance will be $1,050 for that child;

(iii) Where there is no dependent spouse, a single annual allowance of $300 per year for either a dependent parent, a dependent brother or a dependent sister;

3. Regulation 5.3

Replace the second sentence by the following text:

However, in the case of service at designated duty stations having very difficult conditions of life and work, eligible staff members shall be granted home leave once in every twelve months.

4. Annex I

(a) Paragraph 1 should read:

1. The Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, having the status equivalent to that of the executive head of a major specialized agency, shall receive a salary of $151,233 per year; the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation shall receive a salary of $151,233 per year; an Under-Secretary-General shall receive a salary of $121,635 per year; and an Assistant Secretary-General shall receive a salary of $110,000 per year, subject to the staff assessment plan provided in staff regulation 3.3 and to post adjustments wherever applied. If otherwise eligible, they shall receive the allowances that are available to staff members generally.

(b) Paragraph 4 should read:

4. Subject to satisfactory service, salary increments within the levels set forth in paragraph 3 of the present annex shall be awarded annually, except that any increments at step XII of the Associate Officer level, steps XIV and XV of the Second Officer level, steps XIII, XIV and XV of the First Officer level, steps XI, XII and XIII of the Senior Officer level and above step IV of the Principal Officer level shall be preceded by two years at the previous step. The Secretary-General is authorized to reduce the interval between salary increments to ten months and twenty months, respectively, in the case of staff subject to geographical distribution who have an adequate and confirmed knowledge of a second official language of the United Nations.

(c) Paragraph 9, last sentence should be deleted.

(d) The schedules of post adjustment (amount per index point in United States dollars) (i) and (ii) should be deleted.

5. Annex III

In the schedule, after the words "gross salary", the phrase "adjusted by movements of the weighted average of post adjustment" should be deleted.

6. Annex IV

In the schedule, after the words "gross salary", the phrase "adjusted by movements of the weighted average of post adjustment" should be deleted.

45/260. **Financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission**

Date: 3 May 1991 Meeting: 74
Adopted without a vote Report: A/45/1006

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission 17/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 18/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 and 689 (1991) of 9 April 1991, by which the Council decided to set up the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission and to review the question of its termination or continuation every six months,

Recognizing that the costs of the Observation Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recognizing also that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Observation Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council in the financing of such operations, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Observation Mission by certain Governments,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Observation Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. Concurs with the observations, recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 19/

17/ A/45/240/Add.1.

18/ A/45/1005.

19/ Ibid.

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission in full and on time;

3. Decides to appropriate an amount of 60,977,000 United States dollars (gross), which includes the amount of 900,000 dollars authorized by the Secretary-General and the amount of 5.9 million dollars authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee under the terms of General Assembly resolution 44/203 of 21 December 1989, for the operation of the Observation Mission from 9 April to 8 October 1991, inclusive, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a special account for the Observation Mission;

4. Decides also, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 60,977,000 dollars referred to in paragraph 3 of the present resolution among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 20/

5. Decides further that Liechtenstein shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

6. Decides that Namibia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

7. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 977,000 dollars approved for the period from 9 April to 8 October 1991, inclusive;

8. Invites voluntary contributions to the Observation Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Observation Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

10. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991)".

45/265. Financing of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group

Date: 17 May 1991 Meeting: 76
Adopted without a vote Report: A/45/1014

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989,

20/ See resolutions 43/223 A and 45/256 B.

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 435 (1978) of 29 December 1978, by which the Council established the United Nations Transition Assistance Group for a period of up to twelve months, as well as Council resolutions 629 (1989) of 16 January 1989 and 632 (1989) of 16 February 1989,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Group 21/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 22/

Recalling that the amount of $409,555,646 was assessed on Member States for the United Nations Transition Assistance Group,

Bearing in mind that assessed contributions remain uncollected,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions in cash and in kind have been made to the Group by certain Governments,

Recognizing that the situation in which a peace-keeping operation has terminated with resources in excess of net estimated revised costs is unprecedented,

1. Takes note of the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 23/

2. Notes that the net estimated cost of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group to Member States has been revised to $345,314,701 and that Member States' financial obligations to the Group should be adjusted accordingly;

3. Decides that Member States whose payments to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group exceed their adjusted financial obligations will be credited in full with the difference;

4. Notes that the United Nations has been called upon to launch new peace-keeping operations and that significant obligations will result for Member States;

5. Invites Member States to consider the utilization of the credits due to them to be set off against their assessed contributions for other United Nations peace-keeping operations in accordance with the Financial Rules and Regulations;

6. Requests the Board of Auditors to take measures necessary to expedite the audit of the United Nations Transition Assistance Group Special Account and submit its findings to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

7. Requests the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, on receipt of the special audit requested in paragraph 6 above, to make appropriate recommendations regarding the account, taking into consideration interest earnings of the account;

8. Takes note of the proposal of the Secretary-General that the shortfall of $3,336,000 for funding the repatriation of some 45,000 Namibians by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees be charged to the United Nations Transition Assistance Group Special Account;

21/ A/45/997 and Corr.1.

22/ A/45/1003.

23/ Ibid.

9. Notes that the unencumbered balance shown in annex VI to the report of the Secretary-General 24/ does not include the reported shortfall in the funding for the repatriation of Namibian refugees;

10. Invites the Secretary-General to renew his appeal to Governments to meet this reported shortfall, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on this issue, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

11. Concurs with the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 8 of its report, 25/ and approves the following special arrangements for the Group with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Group shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4 as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

12. Urges those Member States that are still in arrears to make every effort to pay their assessed contributions to the Group.

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account until payment is effected;

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under subparagraph (a) above, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.

24/ A/45/997 and Corr.1.

25/ A/45/1003.

45/266. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

Date: 17 May 1991 Meeting: 76
Adopted without a vote Report: A/45/1013

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/21 of 20 November 1990,

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 621 (1988) of 20 September 1988 and 658 (1990) of 27 June 1990 as well as Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established, under its authority, a United Nations mission for the referendum in Western Sahara,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara 26/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 27/

Noting that the budgetary estimates of the Mission as contained in the report of the Secretary-General amount to $180,617,000 gross ($176,868,000 net), 28/

Recognizing that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Urging all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payments of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time, particularly in view of the urgent need for the start-up cost of the operation and its brevity of duration,

Recognizing that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara,

1. Recalls that, in accordance with Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations, it is the General Assembly that shall consider and approve the budget of the Organization;

26/ A/45/241/Add.1.

27/ A/45/1011.

28/ A/45/241/Add.1.

2. Approves, in principle, the budgetary estimates proposed by the Secretary-General for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara ($180,617,000 gross, $176,868,000 net), as contained in his report, 29/ for the mandate period approved by the Security Council in its resolution 690 (1991) and in respect of which the Secretary-General is requested to establish a special account in accordance with paragraph 16 of his report; 30/

3. Decides to appropriate an initial amount of $143,000,000 gross ($140,000,000 net), inclusive of the amount of $889,700 authorized with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for pre-implementation expenses under the terms of General Assembly resolution 44/203 of 21 December 1989, for the operation of the Mission in accordance with the implementation timetable set out in paragraph 10 of the report of the Secretary-General; 31/

4. Requests the Secretary-General to submit a detailed performance report for the first six months of the operation to its forty-sixth session and to take all necessary measures to ensure that the operation is administered with the maximum of efficiency and economy, bearing in mind the observations and recommendations contained in paragraphs 10 to 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee; 32/

5. Decides to consider at its forty-sixth session the appropriations required to finance the Mission for the remaining three-month mandate period in the light of the performance report referred to in paragraph 4 of the present resolution;

6. Takes note of the views expressed in paragraphs 18 and 19 of the Secretary-General's report, 33/ and acknowledges that the repatriation programme to be carried out by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in accordance with its statute, is an essential political element in the settlement proposals without which an impartial referendum could not take place, and calls upon Member States to respond expeditiously to the Secretary-General's appeal for voluntary contributions in this regard;

7. Adopts the recommendations of the Advisory Committee, as contained in paragraph 8 of its report 34/ in respect of voluntary contributions totalling $34.5 million estimated as the requirements of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees for the repatriation of Western Saharans in accordance with the settlement plan as contained in paragraphs 72-74 of the report of the Secretary-General of 18 June 1990 35/ and in paragraphs 34-36 of the report of the Secretary-General of 19 April 1991; 36/

8. Notes the recommendation of the Advisory Committee in paragraph 15 of its report 37/ concerning the high-level posts for the Mission and decides that not more than one Under-Secretary-General and two Assistant Secretaries-General be appointed for the Mission;

29/ A/45/241/Add.1.

30/ Ibid.

31/ Ibid.

32/ A/45/1011.

33/ A/45/241/Add.1.

34/ A/45/1011.

35/ S/21360.

36/ S/22464.

37/ A/45/1011.

9. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of $143,000,000 gross ($140,000,000 net) among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolution 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1989, 1990 and 1991; 38/

10. Decides also that Liechtenstein shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (b) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

11. Decides further that Namibia shall be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of General Assembly resolution 43/232;

12. Decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment of Member States, as provided for in paragraph 9 of the present resolution, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of $3,000,000 approved for the initial six-month period;

13. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".

DECISIONS

A. ELECTIONS

45/325 B. **Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee**

B 39/

At its 74th plenary meeting, on 6 May 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, 40/ appointed Leonid E. Bidny (Soviet Union) as a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a term of office beginning on 6 May 1991 and ending on 31 December 1991. Mr. Bidny replaces Viktor A. Vislykh (Soviet Union) who has resigned.

38/ See resolutions 43/223 and 45/256 B.

39/ As a result, the text of decision 45/325, on page 679 of Press Release GA/8165, should be considered as decision 45/325 A, in light of action taken by the General Assembly on 6 May.

40/ A/45/866/Add.1, para. 3.

B. OTHER DECISIONS

1. Decisions adopted without reference to a Main Committee

45/402 B. **Adoption of the agenda and allocation of agenda items** 41/

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At its 73rd plenary meeting, on 29 April 1991, the General Assembly, on the proposal contained in a note by the Secretary-General, 42/ decided to reopen consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17, entitled "Appointment of a member of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee", and allocate the sub-item to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of of the following agenda items:

Item 79 (b): Operational activities for development: trade and development;

Item 118: Programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991;

Item 126 (g): Personnel questions: other personnel questions.

The General Assembly also decided to consider agenda item 79 (b) directly in plenary meeting and to allocate items 118 and 126 (g) to the Fifth Committee.

At the same meeting, the General Assembly, at the request of the Secretary-General, 43/ decided to include in the agenda of the forty-fifth session an additional item (item 156), entitled "Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission; (b) Other activities", and allocate the item to the Fifth Committee.

At its 75th plenary meeting, on 13 May 1991, the General Assembly, at the request of the Secretary-General, 44/ decided to include in the agenda of the forty-fifth session an additional item (item 157), entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara", and to allocate the item to the Fifth Committee.

41/ As a result, the text of decision 45/402, on page 680 of Press Release GA/8165 and Corr.1, should be considered as decision 45/402 A, in light of action taken by the General Assembly on 29 April.

42/ A/45/142/Add.1.

43/ A/45/240 and Add.1.

44/ A/45/241 and Add.1.

7. Decisions adopted on the reports of the Fifth Committee

45/456. **Conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials - members of the Joint Inspection Unit**

Date: 3 May 1991 Meeting: 74
Adopted without a vote Report: A/45/900/Add.1

The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Fifth Committee, decided to defer to the forty-sixth session its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the conditions of service and compensation for officials other than Secretariat officials - members of the Joint Inspection Unit. 45/

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45/ A/C.5/45/75.